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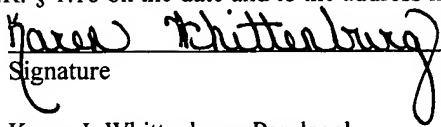
### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the utility patent application filed herewith, which is a National Phase application based on PCT Application No. PCT/FI03/00229, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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